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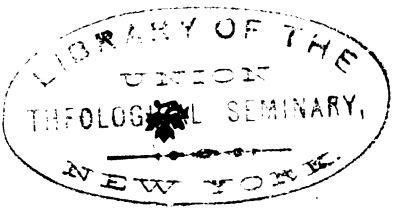

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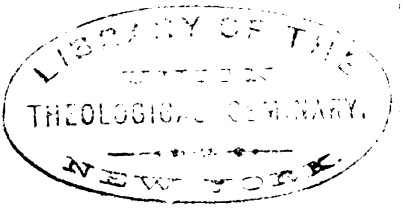

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DE BENEDICTIONE ET IMPOSITIONE PRIMARII LAPIDIS PRO ECCLESIA ÆDIFICANDA.

Nemo Ecclesiam ædificet, priusquam Pontificis judicio locus et atrium designentur, et quid ad luminaria, quid ad rectoris, ministrorumque stipendia sufficiat, quidque ad Ecclesiæ dotem pertineat, definiatur; et per eum, vel ejus auctoritate, per Sacerdotem crux in loco figatur, et lapis primarius in fundamento ponatur. Pridie igitur lignea crux in loco, ubi debet esse altare, figatur. Sequenti vero die, lapis in Ecclesiæ fundatione ponendus, qui debet esse quadratus et angularis, benedici debet hoc modo. Pontifex paratus supra rochettum, vel, si sit regularis, supra superpelliccum, amictu, alba, cingulo, stola, et pluviali albi coloris, et mitra simplici, et baculum Pastoralem in sinistra tenens, stans, cum mitra, in loco ubi Ecclesia est fundanda, benedicit sal, et aquam, dicens :

V. Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

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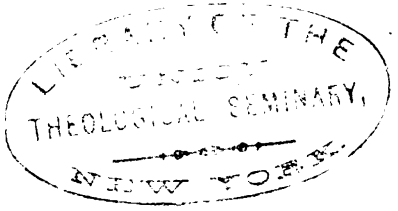

THE RITE OF BLESSING AND LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF A NEW CHURCH.

It is not lawful to proceed with the erection of a church until the site has been approved by the Bishop, and provision made for the equipment and maintenance of the building and its ministers; let a cross then be set by him or, with his authorization, by a priest on the spot selected, and the corner-stone placed in the foundation. A wooden cross should be erected on the day preceding the ceremony at the place whereon the altar is to stand. On the following day, the corner-stone of the church, squared and dressed, is blessed in this manner. The Bishop puts on an amice, alb, cincture, white stole and cope over his rochet or, if he be a regular, over his surplice, and, with the plain mitre on his head, holding in his left hand the crosier, he stands on the site of the church, and blesses salt and water, saying:

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who made both heaven and earth.[1]

[1] Psalm cxxiii. 8.

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Exorcízo te, creatúra salis, per Deum ✝ vivum, per Deum ✝ verum, per Deum ✝ sanctum, per Deum, qui te per Eliséum Prophétam in aquam mitti jussit, ut sanarétur sterílitas aquæ; ut efficiáris sal exorcizátum in salútem credéntium; et sis ómnibus suméntibus te sánitas ánimæ et córporis: et effúgiat, atque discédat a loco, in quo aspérsum fúeris, omnis phantásia et nequítia vel versútia diabólicæ fraudis, omnísque spíritus immúndus adjurátus per eum, qui ventúrus est judicáre vivos et mórtuos, et sæculum per ignem.

R. Amen.

Deinde, depositis baculo pastorali et mitra, junctis manibus dicit:

V. Dómine exáudi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum spíritu tuo.

Orémus.

Imménsam cleméntiam tuam, omnípotens ætérne Deus, humíliter implorámus, ut hanc creatúram salis, quam in usum géneris humáni tribuísti, bene ✝ dícere et sancti ✝ ficáre tua pietáte dignéris: ut sit ómnibus suméntibus salus mentis et

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I exorcize thee, O salt, thou creature of God, by the living ✝ God, by the true ✝ God, by the holy ✝ God, by the God at Whose command the Prophet Eliseus cast thee into the water to heal the unwholesomeness of the water,[1] that being thus exorcized, thou mayest avail for the health of believers; that all who partake of thee may find healing both of soul and body; that all illusion, mischief, and every wile of devilish craft, and every foul fiend may depart and be driven away from the place where thou shalt be sprinkled, cast out by Him Who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire.

R. Amen.

Then laying aside the crosier, and taking off his mitre, he joins his hands and says:

V. Lord, hear my prayer,

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.[2]

V. The Lord be with you.[3]

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech Thine infinite mercy, Almighty and Everlasting God, that Thou be pleased of Thy loving kindness to bless ✝ and hallow ✝ this salt which Thou hast created and bestowed

[1] 4 Kings, ii. 21. [2] Psalm ci. 2. [3] Ruth ii. 4.

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córporis; et quidquid ex eo tactum vel respérsum fúerit, cáreat omni immundítia, omníque impugnatióne spirituális nequítiæ. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

Tum acceptis mitra et baculo pastorali, super aquam absolute dicit:

Exorcízo te, creatúra aquæ, in nómine Dei Pa ✠ tris omnipoténtis, et in nómine Jesu Christi Fí ✠ lii ejus Dómini nostri, et in virtúte sancti ✠ Spíritus, ut fias aqua exorcizáta ad effugándam omnem potestátem inimíci, et ipsum inimícum eradicáre et explantáre váleas, cum ángelis suis apostáticis, per virtútem ejúsdem Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, qui ventúrus est judicáre vivos et mórtuos, et sæculum per ignem.

R. Amen.

Deinde, depositis baculo pastorali et mitra, junctis manibus dicit:

V. Dómine exaúdi oratiónem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum spíritu tuo.

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for the use of mankind, that it may avail all who partake of it for health of soul and body; and that whatever shall be touched or sprinkled therewith may be kept from all defilement, and from all the assaults of the spirits of wickedness.

R. Amén.

Then resuming the mitre and crosier, he begins forthwith the exorcism of the water.

I exorcise thee, water, thou creature of God, in the Name of God the Father, ✝ Almighty, and in the Name of Jesus Christ His ✝ Son our Lord, by the Power of the Holy ✝ Ghost: that being exorcised, thou mayest serve to put to flight all the forces of the enemy, and to cast out and drive away the enemy himself with his apostate angels, by the power of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who shall come again to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

R. Amen.

Then laying aside the crosier, and taking off the mitre, he says:

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

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Orémus.

Deus, qui ad salútem humáni géneris máxima quæque Sacraménta in aquárum substántia condidísti, adésto propítius invocatiónibus nostris, et eleménto huic multímodis purificatiónibus præparáto, virtútem tuæ bene ✝ dictiónis infúnde; ut creatúra tua mystériis tuis sérviens, ad abjiciéndos dæmones, morbósque pelléndos, divinæ grátiæ sumat efféctum; ut quidquid in dómibus, vel in locis fidélium hæc unda respérserit, cáreat omni immundítia, liberétur a noxa: non illic resídeat spíritus péstilens, non aura corrúmpens, discédent omnes insídiæ laténtis inimíci, et si quid est quod aut incolumitáti habitántium ínvidet aut quiéti, aspersióne hujus aquæ effúgiat; ut salúbritas per invocatiónem sancti tui nóminis expetíta, ab ómnibus sit impugnatiónibus defénsa. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

Pontifex mittit sal in aquam, in modum crucis, dicendo semel:

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Let us pray.

O God, Who hast appointed water to be used in the greatest sacraments Thou hast instituted for the salvation of mankind, graciously hearken to our prayers, and shed Thy mighty ✝ blessing on this element, set apart of old by manifold hallowings, that this water Thou hast created being used in Thy mysteries, may receive the efficacy of Divine grace for driving away devils and diseases; and that whatsoever shall be sprinkled therewith in the houses and dwellings of the faithful may be kept from all defilement, and freed from harm; may neither the breath of pestilence, nor aught that can infect the air abide therein; may they be delivered from the wiles of the lurking enemy; and if aught there be that can injure the health or disturb the quiet of them that dwell therein, may it be put to flight by the sprinkling of this water: so that the safety we crave by calling on Thy holy Name may be ever secure from all assaults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee, &c.

R. Amen.

The Bishop then casts the salt into the water, tracing a cross therewith, and saying once only:

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Commíxtio salis, et aquæ páriter fiat. In nómine Pa ✝ tris, et Fí ✝ lii, et Spíritus ✝ sancti.

R. Amen.

V. Dóminus vobíscum.

R. Et cum spíritu tuo.

Orémus.

Deus, invíctæ virtútis auctor, et insuperábilis impérii Rex, ac semper magníficus triumphátor, qui advérsæ dominatiónis vires réprimis, qui inimíci rugiénties sævítiam súperas, qui hostíles nequítias poténter expúgnas: te Dómine treméntes et súpplices deprecámur ac pétimus; ut hanc creatúram salis et aquæ dignánter aspícias, benígnus illústres, pietátis tuæ rore sanctífices: ut ubicúmque fúerit aspérsa, per invocatiónem sancti tui nóminis, omnis infestátio immúndi spíritus abigátur, terrórque venenósi serpéntis procul pellátur, et præséntia sancti Spíritus nobis misericórdiam tuam poscéntibus, ubique adésse dignétur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte ejusdem Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

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Be this salt and water mingled together. In the Name of the Father ✝, and of the Son ✝, and of the Holy ✝ Ghost.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, Thou Source of unconquerable might, Who reignest with a power that can never be overcome, Who ever gloriously triumphest, Who holdest in check the forces of the power opposed to Thee, Who subduest the fury of the raging enemy, Who by Thy boundless power dost set at naught the wicked devices of Thy foes. Thee, O Lord, do we lowly and fearfully beg and entreat, that Thou wouldst favorably regard this salt and water Thou hast created, that Thou wouldst shed thereon the light of Thy gracious good pleasure, that Thou wouldst hallow it with the dew of Thy loving kindness; that wherever it shall be sprinkled, through the invocation of Thy holy Name, all malice of the foul fiend, and all fear of the poisonous serpent may be driven afar, and the presence of the Holy Ghost be everywhere vouchsafed to us who crave Thy mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, &c.

R. Amen.

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Tum Pontifex accipit mitram, et schola cantat Antiphonam et Psalmum sequentes. Interim dum ea cantantur, Pontifex cum mitra aspergit locum, ubi crux posita est, cum aqua per eum benedicta.

Antiphona. Signum salútis pone, Dómine Jesu Christe, in loco isto, et non permíttas introíre angelum percutiéntem.

Psalmus 83.

Quam dilécta tabernácula tua, Dómine virtútum! * concupíscit et déficit ánima mea in átria Dómini.

Cor meum et caro mea * exultavérunt in Deum vivum.

Etenim passer invénit sibi domum: * et turtur nidum sibi, ubi ponat pullos suos.

Altária tua Dómine virtútum: * Rex meus, et Deus meus.

Beáti qui hábitant in domo tua, Dómine: * in sæcula sæculórum laudábunt te.

Beátus vir cujus est auxílium abs te: * ascensiónes in corde suo dispósuit in valle lacrymárum, in loco quem pósuit.

Etenim benedictiónem dabit legislátor, ibunt de virtúte in virtútem: * vidébitur Deus deórum in Sion.

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The Bishop then receives the mitre, and the choir sing the following Anthem and Psalm. Whilst these are singing, the Bishop, retaining the mitre, sprinkles with the water blessed by him the place where the cross is.

Anthem.—O Lord Jesus Christ, set the sign of salvation on this place, and permit not the destroying angel to enter in.

Psalm lxxxiii.

How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! * My soul longs and languishes for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh * have rejoiced in the living God.

For the sparrow has found herself a house, * and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young.

Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, * my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, O Lord, * they will ever praise Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is from Thee, * in his heart hath he settled to go up [to Thy temple], through the vale of tears, to the place which He [God] hath appointed.

For the lawgiver shall bestow a blessing. They shall go from strength to strength, * the God of gods shall be seen in Sion.

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Dómine Deus virtútum exáudi oratiónem meam: * áuribus pércipe Deus Jacob.

Protéctor noster áspice, Deus: * et réspice in fáciem Christi tui.

Quia mélior est dies una in átriis tuis: * super míllia.

Elégi abjéctus esse in domo Dei mei: * magis quam habitáre in tabernáculis peccatórum.

Quia misericórdiam et veritátem díligit Deus: * grátiam et glóriam dabit Dóminus.

Non privábit bonis eos qui ámbulant in innocéntia: * Dómine virtútum, beátus homo qui sperat in te.

Glória Patri. Sicut erat, etc.

Finitis Antiphona et Psalmo prædictis, Pontifex stans versus ad locum per eum aspersum, deposita mitra, dicit:

Oremus.

Dómine Deus, qui licet cœlo et terra non capiáris, domum tamen dignáris habére in terris, ubi nomen tuum júgiter invocétur; locum hunc, quæsumus, beátæ Maríæ semper Vírginis, et beáti *N.* (*nominando Sanctum, vel Sanctam, in cujus honorem, ac nomen fundabitur Ecclesia,*) omniúmque Sanctórum intercedéntibus méritis, seréno pietátis tuæ

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Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer, * hearken, O God of Jacob.

Do Thou, O God our protector, behold, * and look upon the face of Thine anointed.

For better is one day in Thy courts * tnan a thousand.

I had rather be a menial in the house of my God, * than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For God loveth mercy and faithfulness, * grace and glory will the Lord give.

No good things will He withhold from them that walk in innocence. * Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusts in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

At the conclusion of the above Anthem and Psalm the Bishop, laying aside the mitre, stands facing the place that he has sprinkled, and says:

Let us Pray.

O Lord God, Who, though not contained by heaven and earth, doth still vouchsafe to have here below a house wherein Thy Name may continually be invoked; we beseech Thee, through the interceding merits of the Blessed Mary ever virgin, and of St. *N.* (*here is inserted the name of the Saint in whose honor the church is to be built*),

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intúitu vísita, et per infusiónem grátiæ tuæ ab omni inquinaménto purífica, purificatúmque consérva, et qui dilécti tui David devotiónem in fílii sui Salomónis ópere complevísti, in hoc ópere desidéria nostra perfícere dignéris, effugiántque omnes hinc nequítiæ spirituáles. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit, et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

Post hæc stans adhuc sine mitra, Pontifex benedicit primarium lapidem, dicens:

V. Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.

R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

V. Sit nomen Dómini benedíctum.

R. Ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

V. Lápidem quem reprobavérunt ædificántes.

R. Hic factus est in caput ánguli.

V. Tu es Petrus.

R. Et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiam meam.

V. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui sancto.

R. Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper: et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

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and of all the Saints, visit this place with the benign glance of Thy love, and by the pouring out of Thy grace cleanse it from all stain, and preserve it thus purified; and do Thou, who completed the devotion of Thy beloved David in the work of his son Solomon, vouchsafe to carry unto perfection our desires in this work, and may all spiritual wickedness be banished hence. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of God the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Then, still standing without the mitre, the Bishop blesses the corner-stone, saying:

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord

R. Now and for ever.

V. The stone which the builders rejected

R. Has been made the head of the corner.

V. Thou art Peter,

R. And upon this rock I shall build My Church.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Oremus.

Dómine Jesu Christe, Fili Dei vivi, qui es verus omnípotens Deus, splendor et imágo ætérni Patris, et vita ætérna, qui es lapis anguláris, de monte sine mánibus abscíssus, et immutábile fundaméntum; hunc lápidem collocándum in tuo nómine confírma: et tu, qui es princípium et finis, in quo princípio Deus Pater ab inítio cuncta creávit, sis, quæsumus, et princípium, et increméntum, et consummátio ipsíus óperis, quod debet ad laudem et glóriam tui nóminis inchoári. Qui cum Patre et Spíritu sancto vivis et regnas Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus bene ✝ dícére dignáre hunc lápidem in fundaméntum Ecclésiæ, in honórem sancti *N.* Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, lápidem probátum, angulárem, pretiósum, in fundaménto fundátum, de quo dicit Apóstolus, Petra autem erat Christus. Qui tecum et cum Spíritu sancto

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Let us Pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who art truly the Almighty God, the splendor and image of the Eternal Father, and Eternal Life; Who art the corner-stone cut out without hands from the mountain, and the changeless foundation; strengthen this stone to be set in Thy Name; and mayst Thou, Who art the Beginning and the End, the Beginning in Whom God the Father did create all things from the first, be the beginning, and increase and consummation of this work which is to be begun to the praise and glory of Thy Name: Who with the Father and Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Let us Pray.

O holy Lord, Almighty Father, Eternal God, vouchsafe to ✝ bless this foundation-stone of the Church in honor of St. *N.* Through our Lord, Jesus Christ Thy Son, the chosen stone, the corner-stone, the precious stone set in the foundation, of which the Apostle says: But the Rock was Christ: Who with Thee and with the Holy

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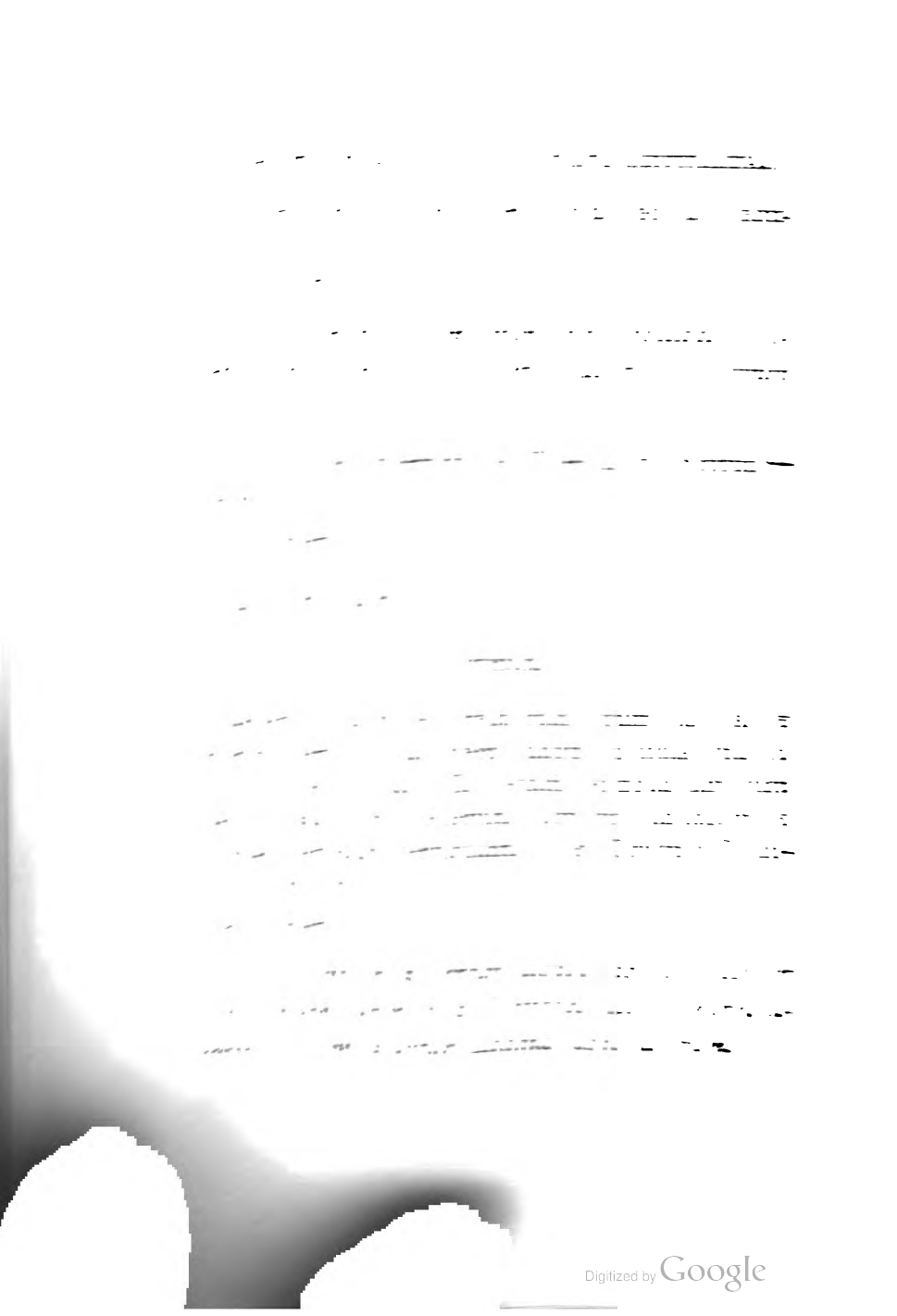
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Ghost liveth and reigneth God for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Then he sprinkles the stone with holy water, and with a trowel marks it in different places with the sign of the cross, saying:

In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the ✠ Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

Then he says:

Let us Pray.

Bless, O Lord, this creature of stone: and through the invocation of Thy Holy Name, grant: that whosoever with pure intention shall contribute to the erection of this Church may enjoy health of body and receive protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

A rug is then spread on the ground, and a faldstool placed upon it, in front of which the Bishop kneels. The Litanies are then said entire.

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LITANIÆ SANCTORUM.

Kýrie eléison.
Christe eléison.
Kýrie eléison.
Christe audi nos.
Christe exaúdi nos.
Pater de cœlis Deus, } *Miserere nobis.*
Fili Redémptor mundi Deus, }
Spíritus Sancte Deus, }
Sancta Trínitas, unus Deus, }
Sancta María, }
Sancta Dei Génitrix, } *Ora pro nobis.*
Sancta Vírgo vírginum, }
Sancte Míchaël, }
Sancte Gábriël, }
Sancte Ráphaël, }
Omnes sancti Angeli, et Archángeli, *oráte pro nobis.*
Omnes sancti beatórum Spirítuum órdines, *oráte pro nobis.*
Sancte Joánnes Baptísta, *ora pro nobis.*
Sancte Joseph, *ora pro nobis.*
Omnes sancti Patriárchæ, et Prophétæ. *oráte pro nobis.*
Sancte Petre, } *Ora pro nobis.*
Sancte Paule, }
Sancte Andréa, }
Sancte Jacóbe, }
Sancte Joánnes, }
Sancte Thoma, }
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Sancte Philíppe, }
Sancte Bartholomæe, }
Sancte Matthæe, }
Sancte Simon, }

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THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Mary, *pray for us.*
Holy Mother of God, *pray for us.*
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael,
St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,
St. John the Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. James,
St. John,
St. Thomas,
St. James,
St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew,
St. Matthew,
St. Simon,

Pray for us.

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Sancte Thaddæe,
Sancte Mathía,
Sancte Bárnaba,
Sancte Luca,
Sancte Marce, } *Ora pro nobis.*
Omnes sancti Apóstoli, et Evangelístæ,
Omnes sancti Discípuli Dómini,
Omnes sancti Innocéntes,
Sancte Stéphane,
Sancte Laurénti,
Sancte Vincénti, } *Orate, etc. Ora, etc.*
Sancti Fabiáne et Sebastiáne,
Sancti Joánnes et Paule,
Sancti Cosma et Damiáne,
Sancti Gervási et Protási,
Omnes sancti Mártyres,
Sancte Silvéster,
Sancte Gregóri,
Sancte Ambrósi,
Sancte Augustíne,
Sancte Hierónyme,
Sancte Martíne,
Sancte Nicoláe, } *Orate, etc. Ora pro nobis.*
Omnes sancti Pontífices, et Confessóres, *oráte pro nobis.*
Omnes sancti Doctóres, *oráte pro nobis.*
Sancte Antóni,
Sancte Benedícte,
Sancte Bernárde,
Sancte Domínice,
Sancte Francísce, } *Ora pro nobis.*
Omnes sancti Sacerdótes, et Levítæ, *oráte pro nobis.*
Omnes sancti Mónachi, et Eremítæ, *oráte pro nobis.*
Sancta María Magdaléna, *ora pro nobis.*
Sancta Agatha, *ora pro nobis.*
Sancta Lúcia, *ora pro nobis.*

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St. Thaddeus,
St. Matthias,
St. Barnabas,
St. Luke,
St. Mark,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
All ye holy Disciples of the Lord,
All ye holy Innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
SS. Fabian and Sebastian,
SS. John and Paul,
SS. Cosmas and Damian,
SS. Gervase and Protase,
All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine,
St. Jerome,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
All ye holy Doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Benedict,
St. Bernard,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All ye holy Priests and Levites,
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Agatha,
St. Lucy,

Pray for us.

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Sancta Agnes,
Sancta Cæcília,
Sancta Catharína,
Sancta Anastásia, } *Ora pro nobis.*
Omnes Sanctæ Vírgines et Víduæ, *oráte pro nobis.*
Omnes Sancti et Sanctæ Dei, *intercédite pro nobis.*
Propítius esto, *parce nobis Dómine.*
Propítius esto, *exaúdi nos Dómine.*
Ab omni malo,
Ab omni peccáto,
Ab ira tua,
A subitánea et improvísa morte,
Ab insídiis diáboli,
Ab ira, et ódio, et omni mala voluntáte,
A spíritu fornicatiónis,
A fúlgure et tempestáte,
A flagéllo terræmótus,
A peste, fame, et bello,
A morte perpétua,
Per mystérium sanctæ incarnatiónis tuæ,
Per advéntum tuum,
Per nativitátem tuam,
Per baptísmum et sanctum jejúnium tuum,
Per crúcem et passiónem tuam,
Per mortem et sepultúram tuam,
Per sanctam resurrectiónem tuam,
Per admirábilem ascensiónem tuam,
Per advéntum Spíritus sancti Paráclíti,
In die judícii, } *Libera nos Dómine.*
Peccatóres, *te rogámus audi nos.*
Ut nobis parcas, *te rogámus audi nos.*
Ut nobis indúlgeas, *te rogâmus audi nos.*
Ut ad veram pœniténtiam nos perdúcere dignéris, *te rogámus audi nos.*

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St. Agnes,
St. Cecilia,
St. Catherine,
St. Anastasia,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
Pray for us.

All ye holy Saints of God, *make intercession for us.*
Be merciful, *spare us, O Lord.*
Be merciful, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From sudden and unlooked-for death,
From the snares of the devil,
From anger, and hatred, and every evil will,
From the spirit of fornication,
From lightning and tempest,
From the scourge of earthquakes,
From plague, famine, and war,
From everlasting death,
Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,
Through Thy Coming,
Through Thy Birth,
Through Thy Baptism and holy Fasting,
Through Thy Cross and Passion,
Through Thy Death and Burial,
Through Thy holy Resurrection,
Through Thine admirable Ascension,
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete.
In the day of judgment.
O Lord, deliver us.

We sinners, *Beseech Thee, hear us.*
That Thou wouldst spare us, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*
That Thou wouldst pardon us, *we beseech Thee, etc.*
That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance, *we beseech Thee, hear us.*

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Ut Ecclésiam tuam sanctám régere, et conserváre dignéris,
Ut Domnum Apostólicum, et omnes ecclesiásticos órdines in sancta religióne conserváre dignéris,
Ut inimícos sanctæ Ecclésiæ humiliáre dignéris,
Ut régibus et princípibus christiánis pacem et veram concórdiam donáre dignéris,
Ut cuncto pópulo christiáno pacem et unitátem largíri dignéris,
Ut nosmetípsos in tuo sancto servítio confortáre, et conserváre dignéris,
Ut mentes nostras ad cœléstia desidéria érigas,
Ut ómnibus benefactóribus nostris sempitérna bona retríbuas,
Ut ánimas nostras, fratrum, propinquórum, et benefactórum nostrórum ab ætérna damnatióne erípias,
Ut fructus terræ dare et conserváre dignéris.
Ut ómnibus fidélibus defúnctis réquiem ætérnam donáre dignéris.

Te rogámus audi nos.

Hic datur benedictio, sanctificatio, et consecratio per Pontificem rebus consecrandis, ut in locis propriis dicitur.

Ut nos exaudíre dignéris, *te rogámus audi nos.*

Fili Dei, *te rogámus audi nos.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, *Parce nobis Dómine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, *Exaúdi nos Dómine.*

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That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy holy Church,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all orders of the Church in holy religion,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of holy Church,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to the whole Christian world,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service,
That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires.
That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,
That Thou wouldst deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, relations, and benefactors, from eternal damnation,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,
Son of God,

We beseech Thee, hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi,

Miserére nobis.

Christe audi nos.

Christe exaúdi nos.

Kyrie eléison.

Christe eléison.

Kyrie eléison.

Quibus finitis, Pontifex deposita mitra surgit, et stans versus ad primarium lapidem, dicit:

Oremus.

Actiónes nostras, quæsumus Dómine, aspirándo præveni, et adjuvándo proséquere; ut cuncta nostra orátio et operátio a te semper incípiat, et per te cœpta finiátur. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Deinde, parato cæmento, et cæmentario assistente, Pontifex cum mitra inchoat, schola prosequente, Antiphonam:

Mane surgens Jacob erigébat lápidem in títulum, fundens óleum désuper, votum vovit Dómino: vere locus iste sanctus est, et ego nesciébam.

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Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

At the close of the Litanies, the Bishop, laying aside the mitre, rises, and standing in front of the corner-stone, says:

Let us Pray.

Precede by Thy inspiration our actions, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and follow them with Thy assistance: so that our every prayer and work may begin from Thee, and through Thee be brought to an end. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The mortar or cement having been made ready and a workman being at hand, the Bishop, retaining his mitre, begins the Anthem, which the choir continues:

Jacob, rising in the morning, set up the stone for a memorial, pouring oil on the top of it; he vowed a vow to the Lord: surely this place is holy, and I knew it not.

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Psalmus 126.

Nisi Dóminus ædificáverit domum: * in vanum laboravérunt qui ædíficant eam.

Nisi Dóminus custodíerit civitátem: * frustra vígilat, qui custódit eam.

Vanum est vobis ante lucem súrgere: * súrgite postquam sedéritis, qui manducátis panem dolóris.

Cum déderit diléctis suis somnum: * ecce hæréditas Dómini, fílii; merces fructus ventris.

Sicut sagíttæ in manu poténtis: * ita fílii excussórum.

Beátus vir qui implévit desidérium suum ex ipsis: * non confundétur cum loquétur inimícis suis in porta.

Glória Patri, etc. Sicut erat, etc.

Quo dicto, Pontifex stans cum mitra tangit, et ponit ipsum primarium lapidem in fundamento, dicens:

In fide Jesu Christi collocámus lápidem istum primárium in hoc fundaménto: In nómine Pa ✠ tris, et Fí ✠ lii, et Spíritus ✠ sancti, ut vígeat vera fides hic, et timor Dei, fratérnaque diléctio, et sit hic locus destinátus oratióni, et ad invocándum, et

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Psalm CXXVI.

Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

Unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it.

It is vain for you to rise before light: rise ye after you have sitten, you that eat the bread of sorrow.

When he shall give sleep to his beloved: behold the inheritance of the Lord are children: the reward, the fruit of the womb.

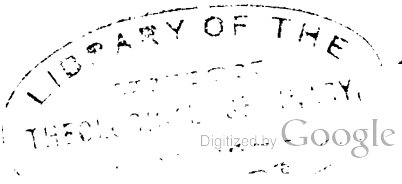
As arrows in the hand of the mighty, so the children of them that have been shaken.

Blessed is the man that hath filled his desire with them; he shall not be confounded when he shall speak to his enemies in the gate.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

This finished, the Bishop with mitre on, stands, touches and lays the corner-stone in the foundation, saying:

Trusting in Jesus Christ we place this first stone in this foundation: in the Name of the ✝ Father, and of ✝ the Son, and of ✝ the Holy Ghost, so that true faith, and the fear of God, and fraternal charity may flourish here; and so that this may be a place set apart for prayer, and for the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laudándum nomen ejúsdem Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, qui cum Patre, et Spíritu sancto vivit, et regnat Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

Interim cæmentarius locat ipsum lapidem cum cæmento, postea Pontifex spargit super lapidem aquam benedictam, dicens :

Aspérges me, Dómine, hyssópo, et mundábor: lavábis me, et super nivem dealbábor.

Psalmus 50.

Miserére mei, Deus: * secúndum magnam misericórdiam tuam.

Et secúndum multitúdinem miseratiónum tuárum: * dele iniquitátem meam.

Amplius lava me ab iniquitáte mea: * et a peccáto meo munda me.

Quóniam iniquitátem meam ego cognósco: * et peccátum meum contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccávi, et malum coram te feci: * ut justificéris in sermónibus tuis, et vincas cum judicáris.

Ecce enim in iniquitátibus concéptus sum: * et in peccátis concépit me mater mea.

Ecce enim veritátem dilexísti: * incérta, et occúlta sapiéntiæ tuæ manifestásti mihi.

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invocation and praise of the Name of the same, our Lord Jesus Christ: Who with the Father and Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth God for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Meanwhile the mason sets the stone with cement; afterwards the Bishop sprinkles holy water on it, saying:

Thou shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Psalm l.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To Thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before Thee: that Thou mayst be justified in Thy words, and mayst overcome when Thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold Thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall

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Aspérges me hyssópo, et mundábor: * lavábis me et super nivem dealbábor.

Audítui meo dabis gaúdium et lætítiam: * et exsultábunt ossa humiliáta.

Avérte fáciem tuam a peccátis meis: * et omnes iniquitátes meas dele.

Cor mundum crea in me, Deus: * et spíritum rectum ínnova in viscéribus meis.

Ne projícias me a fácie tua: * et Spíritum sanctum tuum ne aúferas a me.

Redde mihi lætítiam salutáris tui: * et spíritu principáli confírma me.

Docébo iníquos vias tuas: * et ímpii ad te converténtur.

Líbera me de sanguínibus Deus, Deus salútis meæ: * et exsultábit lingua mea justítiam tuam.

Dómine, lábia mea apéries: * et os meum annuntiábit laudem tuam.

Quóniam si voluísses sacrifícium, dedíssem útique: * holocáustis non delectáberis.

Sacrifícium Deo spíritus contribulátus: * cor contrítum et humiliátum, Deus, non despícies.

Benígne fac, Dómine, in bona voluntáte tua Sion: * ut ædificéntur muri Jerúsalem.

Tunc acceptábis sacrifícium justítiæ, oblatiónes, et holocaústa; * tunc impónent super altáre tuum vítulos.

Glória Patri, et. Sicut erat, etc.

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be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing Thou shalt give joy and gladness; and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from Thy face; and take not Thy holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust Thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to Thee:

Deliver me from blood, O God, Thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol Thy justice.

O Lord, Thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt offerings Thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord, in Thy good will with Sion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt offerings; then shall they lay calves upon Thy altars.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

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Quo dicto, Pontifex spargit aquam benedictam per omnia fundamenta, si sunt aperta: si non sunt aperta, circuit aspergendo fundamenta Ecclesiæ designata, hoc modo. Incipiens aspergere, et circuire, inchoat, schola prosequente, Antiphonam:

O quam metuéndus est locus iste! vere non est hic áliud, nisi domus Deí, et porta cœli.

Psalmus 86.

Fundaménta ejus in móntibus sanctis: * díligit Dóminus portas Sion, super ómnia tabernácula Jacob.

Gloriósa dicta sunt de te: * cívitas Dei.

Memor ero Rahab, et Babylónis: * sciéntium me.

Ecce alienígenæ, et Tyrus, et pópulus Æthíopum: * hi fuérunt illic.

Numquid Sion dicet: Homo, et homo natus est in ea: * et ipse fundávit eam Altíssimus?

Dóminus narrábit in scriptúris populórum, et príncipum: * horum, qui fuérunt in ea.

Sicut lætántium ómnium * habitátio est in te.

Glória Patri. Sicut erat, etc.

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Then the Bishop sprinkles with holy water the entire foundations if opened; but, if not yet dug, he makes the circuit of the church as laid out, sprinkling in this manner: Beginning to sprinkle and make the circuit he starts the Anthem, the choir taking it up:

O how this place should be held in awe; for truly this is none other than the house of God, and the gate of heaven.

Psalm LXXXVI.

The foundations thereof *are* in the holy mountains:

The Lord loveth the gates of Sion above all the tabernacles of Jacob.

Glorious things are said of thee, O city of God.

I will be mindful of Rahab and of Babylon knowing me. Behold the foreigners and Tyre, and the people of the Ethiopians, these were there.

Shall not Sion say: *This* man and *that* man is born in her? and the Highest himself hath founded her.

The Lord shall tell in *his* writings of peoples and of princes, of them that have been in her.

The dwelling in thee is as it were of all rejoicing.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

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Et repetitur Antiphona. Interim aspergendo procedit usque ad tertiam partem fundamentorum apertorum, seu designatorum, ubi subsistit, et repetita Antiphona, Pontifex stans ibidem, deposita mitra, dicit:

Orémus.

Et ministri:

Flectámus génua.

R. Leváte.

Omnípotens et miséricors Deus, qui Sacerdótibus tuis tantam præ céteris grátiam contulísti, ut quidquid in tuo nómine digne perfectéque ab eis ágitur, a te fíeri credátur; quæsumus imménsam cleméntiam tuam, ut quidquid modo visitatúri sumus, vísites; et quidquid benedictúri sumus, benedícas: sitque ad nostræ humilitátis intróitum, Sanctórum tuórum méritis, fuga dæmonum, Angeli pacis ingréssus. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Deinde inchoat, schola prosequente, Antiphonam:

Pax ætérna ab Ætérno huic dómui. Pax perénnis, Verbum Patris, sit pax huic dómui. Pacem pius Consolátor huic præstet dómui.

Interim Pontifex, accepta mitra, aspergendo procedit

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The Anthem is repeated. Meanwhile, having walked about a third part of the distance around, the Bishop stops and when the Anthem has been repeated, he lays aside the mitre, and says:

Let us Pray.

And the assistants say:

Let us bend the knee.

R. Arise.

O almighty and merciful God, who hast bestowed on Thy priests such signal grace that whatever they do worthily and perfectly in Thy Name, is believed done by Thee: We beseech Thee in the greatness of Thy clemency to visit whatever we shall now visit, and to bless whatever we shall bless; and through the merits of Thy saints may our lowly entrance mean that the Evil One has been put to flight, and the Angel of Peace has entered. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Then he begins the Anthem which the choir continues:

Eternal Peace be to this house from the Everlasting. O Perennial Peace, the Word of the Father, let there be peace in this house. May the loving Comforter bestow peace on this house.

Meanwhile the Bishop, having received the mitre,

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usque ad aliam tertiam partem fundamentorum apertorum, seu designatorum, ibidem subsistens; et finita Antiphona, stans cum mitra, dicit:

Omnipoténtem Deum, fratres charíssimi, in cujus domo multæ sunt mansiónes, súpplices deprecémur: ut locum istum nómini suo ædificándum per serenissimam pietátem suam bene ✝ dícere, sancti ✝ ficáre, et conse ✝ cráre dignétur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, qui cum Patre, et Spíritu sancto vivit et regnat Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

Deinde inchoat, schola prosequente, Antiphonam:

Bene fundáta est domus Dómini supra firmam petram.

Psalmus 121.

Lætátus sum in his, quæ dícta sunt mihi: * In domum Dómini íbimus.

Stantes erant pedes nostri: * in átriis tuis Jerúsalem.

Jerúsalem, quæ ædificátur ut cívitas: * cujus participátio ejus in idípsum.

Illuc enim ascendérunt tribus, tribus Dómini: * testimónium Israel ad confiténdum nómini Dómini.

Quia illic sedérunt sedes in judício: * sedes super domum David.

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sprinkling as before, proceeds about another third of the distance around the foundations, and standing there retaining his mitre, says:

Let us humbly beseech, O dearest brethren, the almighty God in whose house there are many mansions: that He vouchsafe in His most benign love to ✝ bless, sanct✝ify, and con✝secrate this place to be erected to His Name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ: who, with the Father and Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God, world without end.

R. Amen.

Then he begins the Anthem, the choir continuing:

The house of the Lord is well founded upon a firm rock.

Psalm CXXI.

I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet were standing in thy courts, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem, which is built as a city, which is compact together.

For thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord: the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

Because their seats have sat in judgment, seats upon the house of David.

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Rogáte quæ ad pacem sunt Jerúsalem: * et abundántia diligéntibus te.

Fiat pax in virtúte tua: * et abundántia in túrribus tuis.

Propter fratres meos et próximos meos, * loquébar pacem de te.

Propter domum Dómini Dei nostri: * quæsívi bona tibi.

Glória Patri, etc. Sicut erat, etc.

Et repetitur Antiphona. Interim Pontifex aspergendo procedit per ultimam tertiam partem fundamentorum apertorum, seu designatorum, revertens ad locum, in quo lapidem imposuit; ubi repetita Antiphona, stans deposita mitra, dicit: Orémus.

Et ministri: Flectámus génua.

R. Leváte.

Deus, qui ex ómnium cohabitatióne Sanctórum, ætérnum majestáti tuæ condis habitáculum, da ædificatióni tuæ increménta cœléstia; ut quod te jubénte fundátur, te largiénte perficiátur. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Subsequenter Pontifex ibidem stans sine mitra, inchoat, schola prosequente, Hymnum:

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Pray ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem: and abundance for them that love thee.

Let peace be in thy strength: and abundance in thy towers.

For the sake of my brethren and of my neighbors, I spoke peace of thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I have sought good things for thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

And the Anthem is repeated. Meanwhile the Bishop sprinkles the remaining third of the foundation, returning to the corner-stone whence he started: where, the Anthem being finished, he stands and having laid aside the mitre, says:

Let us pray. *And the Ministers:* Let us bend the knee.

R. Arise.

O God Who dost build up an eternal dwelling place for Thy majesty from the association of all the saints: grant heavenly increase to Thy construction; so that what is founded by Thy command, may be brought to perfection by Thy blessing. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The Bishop having laid aside the mitre, begins the Hymn, that the choir takes up:

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Veni, Creátor Spíritus,
Mentes tuórum vísita,
Imple supérna grátia
Quæ tu creásti péctora.

Qui díceris Paráclitus,
Altíssimi donum Dei,
Fons vivus, ignis, cáritas,
Et spiritális únctio.

Tu septifórmis múnere,
Dígitus Patérnæ déxteræ,
Tu rite promíssum Patris,
Sermóne ditans gúttura.

Accénde lumen sénsibus,
Infúnde amórem córdibus,
Infírma nostri córporis
Virtúte firmans pérpeti.

Hostem repéllas lóngius,
Pacémque dones prótinus
Ductóre sic te prævio,
Vitémus omne nóxium.

Per te sciámus da Patrem
Noscámus atque Fílium;
Teque utrius que Spíritum
Credámus omni témpore.

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Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come
From Thy bright heavenly throne;
Come, take possession of our hearts,
And make them all thine own.

Thou Who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above;
The living Spring, the living Fire,
Sweet Unction and true Love.

Thou Who art sevenfold in Thy gifts,
Finger of God's right hand,
His promise teaching little ones
To speak and understand.

Oh! guide our minds with Thy blest light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with Thy strength, which ne'er decays,
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our hellish foe,
True peace unto us bring;
And through all perils lead us safe,
Beneath Thy sacred wing.

Through Thee may we the Father know,
Through Thee, th' eternal Son,
And Thee, the Spirit of them both,
Thrice blessed Three in One.

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Deo Patri sit glória,
Et Fílio, qui a mórtuis
Surréxit, ac Paráclito,
In sæculórum sæcula. Amen.

Quo inchoato, Pontifex genuflectit usque ad finem primi versus. Tunc surgit stans, detecto capite usque ad finem Hymni, quo finito, dicit:

Descéndat, quæsumus Dómine Deus noster, Spíritus tuus sanctus super hanc domum ædificándam, qui et dona nostra, et pópuli tui, in ea sanctíficet, et ipsíus corda dignánter emúndet. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Orémus.

Deus, qui in omni loco dominatiónis tuæ clemens ac benígnus dedicátor assístis, exáudi nos, quæsumus, et concéde, ut inviolábilis hujus loci permáneat constrúctio; et benefícia tui múneris univérsitas fidélium, quæ tibi súpplicat, percípere mereátur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

R. Amen.

Hoc facto, accepta mitra, Pontifex, si placet, sedens ibidem in faldistorio, exhortatur populum ad contri-

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Praise to the Father be:
And to the Son who rose:
Praise to Thee, blest Paraclete!
While age on ages flows. Amen.

The Bishop kneels until the end of the first strophe. Then he rises and stands uncovered until the end of the Hymn, after which he says:

May Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, descend on this house that is to be built: and sanctify our gifts and those of Thy people in it, and benignly cleanse their hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us Pray.

O God, who in every place under Thy dominion dost assist as a clement and benign dedicator: hear us, we beseech Thee, and grant that the construction of this place may remain inviolable, and that the entire body of the faithful who implore Thee, may deserve to receive the benefits of Thy gift. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end.

R. Amen.

This done, the Bishop having taken the mitre, sits if it so pleases him, exhorts the people to generosity to-

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buendum pro structura Ecclesiæ novæ, et aliis opportunis. Deinde dat benedictionem solemnem, dicens:

Sit nomen Dómini benedíctum, etc.

Et in fine concedit indulgentias. His expletis, si velit, parat se ad celebrandum Missam in dicto loco, de Sancto in cujus nomine Ecclesia fundatur.

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wards the new church and makes other opportune observations. Then he gives his blessing solemnly, saying:

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, etc.

At the close he grants the Indulgences. After which, if he wish, he vests for the celebration of Mass, the Mass to be in honor of the saint in whose name the church is founded.

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